

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4091–4101, S.J. Res. 45, S. Res. 596–599, and S. Con. Res. 36.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 533, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–95)

S. 629, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to submit to the Comptroller General of the United States a report on rules that are revoked, suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–96)

S. 1324, to establish a Civilian Cyber Security Reserve as a pilot project to address the cyber security needs for the United States with respect to national security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–97)

S. 1941, to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to standardize the use of core-based statistical area designations across Federal programs, to allow between 120 and 180 days for public comment on any proposed change to such designations, and to report on the scientific basis and estimated impact to Federal programs for any proposed change to such designations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–98)

S. 2322, to require a pilot program on the participation of non-asset-based third-party logistics providers in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–99)

H.R. 4426, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to ensure that the needs of children are considered in homeland security planning. (S. Rept. No. 117–100)

S. 2372, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species

of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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#### Measures Passed:

**Human Trafficking Survivor Tax Relief Act:** Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 895, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exemption from gross income for mandatory restitution or civil damages as recompense for trafficking in persons, and the bill was then passed.

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**Ulysses S. Grant 200th Birthday:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 36, honoring the life and legacy of Ulysses S. Grant in commemoration of his 200th Birthday.

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**Financial Literacy Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 588, designating April 2022 as “Financial Literacy Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities National Internship Program 30th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 597, recognizing the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities National Internship Program on the 30th anniversary of the program and celebrating its legacy of increasing diversity in the Federal Government and the private sector.

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**Glenville State University women's basketball team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 598, congratulating the Glenville State University women's basketball team for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Women's Basketball Championship at the Birmingham CrossPlex in Birmingham, Alabama.

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**National Month of the Military Child:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 599, honoring the military children during the National Month of the Military Child.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Family Planning Services:** By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 140), Senate rejected the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 41, providing for

congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to “Ensuring Access to Equitable, Affordable, Client-Centered, Quality Family Planning Services”.

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### House Messages:

**America Competes Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 4521, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, taking action on the following motion proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Schumer motion to insist on the Senate amendment to the bill, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the Schumer motion to insist on the Senate amendment to the bill, agree to the request from the House for a conference, and authorize the Chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, April 27, 2022, a vote on cloture will occur at 12 noon, on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that if a compound motion to go to conference on the bill is agreed to, and the Chair is authorized to appoint conferees, the following Senators be permitted to make a motion to instruct, the text of which is at the desk; that these be the only motions to instruct in order; provided further, that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on or in relation to the motions in the order listed, that the only debate with respect to these motions be 2 minutes equally divided prior to each vote, and with 60-affirmative votes required for adoption of the Lankford motion: Paul, Barrasso, Cruz, Menendez, Risch, Kelly, Lee, Blackburn, Cotton, Murkowski, Sullivan, Rubio, Johnson, Sanders, Scott (FL), Hassan, Ernst, Lankford, Sanders, Cassidy, Bennet, Warnock, Daines, Cassidy, Capito, Toomey, Scott (SC), and Luján.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the House message to accompany the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 28, 2022; that the motion to invoke cloture ripen at 12 noon; and that if cloture is

invoked, the vote on the compound motion to go to conference occur at 1:45 p.m.

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**Gordon Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, be withdrawn.

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 62 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 139), Sherilyn Peace Garnett, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

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Delia L. Smith, of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

Ryan K. Buchanan, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Marisa T. Darden, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

Jason M. Frierson, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Eddie M. Frizell, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

LaDon A. Reynolds, of Illinois, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

Mark A. Totten, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Vanessa Roberts Avery, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Trina A. Higgins, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

Jane E. Young, of New Hampshire, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—140) Pages S2179, S2184–85

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:11 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2197.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Antony J. Blinken, Secretary of State.

### SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine United States Special Operations Command's efforts to sustain the readiness of special operations forces and transform the force for future security challenges, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Jonathan P. Braga, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command, Lieutenant General James C. Slife, USAF, Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Rear Admiral Hugh W. Howard III, USN, Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command, and Major General James F. Glynn, USMC, Commander, United States Marine Forces Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine military and civilian personnel programs in the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr., Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Virginia S. Penrod, Acting Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, David J. Smith, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Elizabeth B. Foster, Executive Director of Force Resiliency, Lieutenant General Gary M. Brito, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1, United

States Army, Vice Admiral John B. Nowell Jr., USN, Chief of Naval Personnel, United States Navy, Lieutenant General David A. Ottignon, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, United States Marine Corps, Gwendolyn R. DeFilippi, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, United States Air Force, and Patricia Mulcahy, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Personnel, United States Space Force, all of the Department of Defense.

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Energy's atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2023 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Jill M. Hruby, Administrator, Admiral James F. Caldwell Jr., USN, Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors, and Marvin L. Adams, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and William White, Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, all of the Department of Energy; and General Anthony J. Cotton, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, and Vice Admiral Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr., USN, Director, Navy Strategic Systems Programs, both of the Department of Defense.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ravi Chaudhary, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE BUDGET

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce.

### CHINA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee received a closed briefing on recent developments in China's nuclear capabilities from Mallory A. Stewart, Assistant Secretary for Verification and Compliance, and Jung H. Pak, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Global China Issues, both of the Department of State; and official briefers from the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.